JOI Advisors and Optimist Club Sponsors,

This “Save the Date” flyer is to help JOI Members, Advisors, and Optimist Club sponsors be aware that something BIG is happening in the Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District! We are forming a CO/WY JOI Club District and this is just the beginning of something GREAT!

According to OI Guidelines we needed to have a JOI convention in April or May to establish the JOI District. As you can see from the flyer, we have chosen Saturday, May 6th. It will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden, Cherry Hills Village (off I-25, turn West for a mile).

At this Convention we will be officially forming the JOI District, electing a JOI Governor, Governor-Elect, and Secretary. These officers will be sent to the Optimist International JOI Convention on July 3-5 in Albuquerque this year for training and an understanding of what a JOI District can do for the JOI Clubs and members of the District. Of course other JOI members can go on their own or with the aid of the Sponsoring Club, as well.

All JOI members attending the Colorado/Wyoming JOI Convention will have a vote as to the JOI District officers at this initial convention and the By-Laws and procedures will be voted on and explained. We hope that at least 3 or 4 of the JOI members from your Clubs can come to be a part of setting this District in motion. Becoming a District offers many opportunities to JOI members in the coming years.

The JOI Convention Committee is hoping for a donation of $5.00 per JOI member plus one adult attending the JOI District Convention. This small amount will help to offset the cost of this Convention. In the future, fundraisers will be explored to aid us financially for District events. There will be snacks in the morning at registration and lunch is provided to all attendees.

More information about JOI Districts, information concerning Officer’s job descriptions, and applications for being a part of the Leadership Team (Gov., Gov.-Elect, Secretary) will be coming your way very soon. There will also be information concerning the OI Convention in Albuquerque. If you would like that information now, go to the [www.Optimist.org](http://www.Optimist.org) site and look under the JOI Convention tab. Thanks and I am available for more questions (and answers, I hope) if you wish to contact me. I will be sending more in the next few weeks.

 Yours,

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